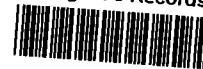


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MADISON COUNTY - Clark Oil Refinery
(Hartford) Spill Clean-up

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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TC: Division of Water Pollution Control/Field Operations & Records Unit

FROM: J. N. Mahlandt, Region VI, Collinsville

DATE: June 12 & 27, 1985

INTERVIEWED: Mr. Gene Knipping, Clark Oil

On June 12th the writer conducted a CSI at the subject facility. On the way to their office it was noted that the road ditch along Hawthorne St. appeared to contain oil. It should be noted that the previous day this area received a 4 in. rainfall in a 2 hr. period. Mr. Knipping accompanied the writer and we checked the ditch at several locations.

Oil pockets were found at approximately 6-7 locations. In addition a portion of the ditch was blocked with coke fines. The refinery coke storage area borders a portion of the ditch. Mr. Knipping was advised that the oil needs to be picked up and the fines removed. He stated he would get a crew out this afternoon on the oil, but the coke fines may take more time. He asked if I would write him a note to this effect so he could show his superiors. A copy of the handwritten notification is attached.

On June 13th, George Burkhart, Refinery Manager, telephoned. He reported that sorbent and vacuum trucks were employed and all was being picked up. He also stated that he had contacted several contractors for bids on removing the coke and any vegetation. He felt that a contract could be signed early next week and work started immediately thereafter.

On June 19th Mr. Knipping called to report that the contractor is on site. He asked if the removed fines, vegetation, and soil could be placed on the waste coke pile. This seemed like a place. Mr. Knipping also stated that once the work was completed we would be notified in writing. A copy of his June 26th letter is attached.

On June 27th the writer stopped by the refinery and viewed the area. The ditch had been cleaned and reshaped from Gate 3 back to Route 111. A greater distance than was really required. The area had been seeded and a straw cover placed. It appears that the clean-up was more than satisfactory and a letter to that affect will be sent to the company.

J. N. Mahlandt

JNM:pbo

Attachments

cc: DWPC Region VI
cc: CAS - Mike Severns

6-12-85

Gene Knipping -

On the way to the refinery this morning I observed a quantity of oil in the ditch along side the coal storage area. The oil appears to be contained by the roadway off of the highway. There also appears to be a contained pool of oil inside the refinery fence, just to the north of the ditch.

Please take appropriate action to pick up the oil, remove oil soaked vegetation, and any contaminated soil/coal fines. Also please send me a written report once the clean-up is completed.

Nick Mahlandt, PE
Dir. of Water Pollution Control
IEPA